REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 2 and 4-21 were pending in this application and are subject to a restriction requirement.

Restriction to one of the following groups is requested:

Group I: Claims 1, 2, 4-8 and 15-21; and

Group II: Claims 9-14.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects, without traverse, the claims in Group I (i.e., 1, 2, 4-8 and 15-21) for further prosecution in this application. Claims in Group II (claims 9-14) have accordingly been canceled without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the claims in Group II in divisional applications.

Claims 1, 6-8, 15, 17, 20, and 21 have been amended. New claims 22 and 23 have been added. Applicant submits that no new matter has been introduced by the amendments. Claims 1, 2, 4-8 and 15-23 remain pending in this application after entry of this response.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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